



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, September 10, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-4292)

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Call to order and introduction of guests. (12-4048)

President Ward called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Martha E. Escandón M.B.A., Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the Regular and Retreat meeting of August 13, 2012. (12-4042)

On motion of Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, unanimously carried (Commissioner Michelle Pinedo being absent), the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2012 were approved.

After further discussion, on motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, were duly carried by the following vote, the Retreat Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2012 were approved:

Ayes: 9 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Martha E. Escandón M.B.A., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D.

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

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2. Submittal of the Commission for Women's theme for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, by Commissioners Escandon and Shevlin. (12-4228)

Commissioner Escandon proposed theme was read in as follows:
"Educate, Motivate, and Inspire LA County Women - Opening Windows to Our Dreams and Beyond".

During discussion, Commissioner Gallegos submitted a friendly amendment to the theme which would read, "Educating, Motivating and Inspiring Women". Commissioner Escandon accepted the friendly amendment.

After further discussion, on motion of Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, there being no objection, the theme was approved as amended.

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3. Approval of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Commission for Women budget and Quarterly Treasurer's Report. (Continued from the meeting of 06/11/12) (12-2530)

Prior to submitting the Fiscal Year 2012-2012 Budget for approval, Treasurer Escandon requested clarification on the District Projects and Committee Projects.

During discussion, the Commission agreed to increase the District Project allocation from \$500 to \$2,500 (\$500 for each District). Due to the increase, the Undesignated Funds (Flexible Spending Funds) was adjusted from \$22,455.47 to \$20,455.47.

In addition, Commissioner Petrossian made a suggestion to keep the allocation of \$1,000 under Committee Projects and have Committees submit additional funding needs before the full Commission for approval. Once approved that allocation would be deducted from the Undesignated Funds (Flexible Spending Funds).

After further discussion, and duly carried by the following vote, the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Commission for Women Budget was approved as amended:

Ayes: 9 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Martha E. Escandón M.B.A., Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser and Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian

Noes: 1 - Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

Following further discussion, there being no objection, the Treasurer's Quarterly report was received and filed.

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II. SET MATTERS

4. Set Item - 10:30 a.m.

Report on new jail facility for women by Assistant Sheriff Cecil Rhambo, Jr. and Deputy Gary Tse of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as requested from the meeting of July 9, 2012. (12-3280)

Assistant Sheriff Cecil W. Rhambo, Jr., Lieutenant Donna Thompson, Lieutenant Daniel J. Dyer and Gary T.K. Tse, Director, Facilities Planning Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department gave presentation on the new jail facility for women in Pitches Detention Center located in the Castaic area. The 23-acre proposed facility will house women in jail with less security and less medication; and provide developmental programs such as computer classrooms, gardening and

art works.

Deputy Rhambo reported this project, designed by the Board of Corrections was funded by AB 900, legislation passed by the State of California for \$100,000,000.

During discussion, Assistant Sheriff Rhambo, Lieutenant Thompson, Lieutenant Daniel J. Dyer and Mr. Tse responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

After discussion, President Ward thanked Assistant Sheriff Rhambo, Lieutenant Thompson, Lieutenant Daniel J. Dyer and Mr. Tse for their informative presentation.

Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

5. Set Item - 10:45 a.m.

Presentation by Judy Gordon, Director of Outreach & Volunteers, Rainbow Services, Ltd., on issues of domestic violence, barriers faced by victims of domestic violence and services provided by Rainbow Services and the California Partnership to end Domestic Violence. (12-4049)

Judy Gordon, Director of Outreach and Volunteers, Rainbow Services, Ltd., provided an overview on the services provided by Rainbow Services and the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence; and responded to questions posed by the Commission. She stated Rainbow Services provides a 24-hour Hotline which also handles calls received by the District Attorney's 211 line, in addition to two emergency shelters that also service Walk-ins, as well as counseling/therapy with an on-staff nurse, to children.

President Ward thanked Ms. Gordon for providing insightful information on the topics presented.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. REPORTS**6. President's Report for August 2012. (12-4043)**

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. reported that she was accepted to participate in the "Families Health Planet Projects", sponsored by Global Ministries United Methodist Church, with a focus on maternal health. She also stated that she will continue her general base initiative in the communities within the Third District.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

7. Report on the Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee meetings as submitted by Committee members.

Economic Development Committee
Education Committee
Public Relations & Social Media Committee
Women of the Year Committee (12-4229)

Commissioner Escandon provided an overview of the Economic Development Committee with the Committee's objective and goals for Fiscal Year 2012-13:

Objective:

To provide women with access to resources and support services, so they may achieve self-sufficiency, financial and economic stability.

Goals:

- 1. To provide educational opportunities (scholarships) to young women, and teach them how to manage their personal economic issues.**
- 2. To educate women on the latest changes in local, state and federal policies affecting ballot measures, and new laws that may affect their economic status.**
- 3. To broaden the Commission's base and appeal within the small business women sector, connect and partner with women who own small businesses, seeking the tools to strengthen and support their goals.**

Commissioner Petrossian reported on the Education Committee's goals for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

- 1. Continue to provide scholarships to young women;**
- 2. Continue to provide access to programs and information on women's health issues to support a healthy community;**
- 3. Continue to support partner organizations working to meet the needs of women;**
- 4. Increase outreach and connect with women's study departments at community colleges and universities;**
- 5. Connect LACCW to the website of partnering agencies;**
- 6. Monitor the Commission's presence and visibility in order to better educate all constituents of the work being done by LACCW;**
- 7. Celebrate women and their great work through the annual luncheon, provide more visibility for Los Angeles County Women Organizations that support them.**

Commissioner Petrossian concluded by stating "The Los Angeles County Commission for Women is committed to serving the needs of women of all ages through all aspects of education".

Commissioner Govine reported that the Public Relations Committee's goal is to develop, expand and unveil new strategies to market the Commission through Countywide collaborative partnerships. The intersection of Public Relations and Social Media will enhance access to the Commission's events, programs and be a vital part of outreach and support efforts.

Commissioner Escandon reported on the on the Women of the Year Committee teleconference meeting held on August 24, 2012. She provided a copy of the proposed timeline for the Women of the Year Awards Luncheon and noted the WOY Budget will be on next month's agenda for approval.

President Ward thanked the Commissioners for their participation as members of the various Committees.

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Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Commissioners' announcements for September 2012. (12-4044)

The following was reported by Commissioners:

Commissioner Lesser reported that she attended the Women's Health quarterly conference, and announced the October 2, 2012 "Gathering meeting for Older Women".

President Veda Ward, Ph.D. shared several articles and brochures with the Commission, she stated she will attend the September 15, 2012 American Association of Women Luncheon and announced that the Domestic Violence Conference will be held on September 13th and 14th.

Commissioner Shevlin reported she was honored by Business Life on September 10, 2012; she announced the League of California Cities Conference will be held in San Diego California.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

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Matters Not Posted

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-4045)

There were no matters presented.

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-4046)

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission, regarding Senate Bill 863 (SB-863) and its impact on Los Angeles County.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, September 10, 2012. (12-4047)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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